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The Rafig-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 8th May, adverting to Mahárája Dalíp Singh's detention at Mahárája Dalip Singh. Aden, observes that the measure is to be regretted on the ground that Government has dealt with a loyal prince in such an objectionable way, but still more on the ground that it shows that Government really does not trust its native subjects. It would appear that the frequent expression of confidence by the Lieutenant-Governors, Viceroys, and Her Majesty herself in the loyalty of natives is all false. When Government has not allowed a hative prince, who has neither army nor money, to enter this country for fear that his advent may lead to a rebellion, how much greater will be its fear in case a powerful enemy appears on the frontier? It is simply absurd to think that natives would rebel at Maharaja Dalip Singh's instigution. (The Mittra Vilds, Lahore, of the 10th May, expresses nearly the same sentiments on the subject. The Tallya-i-Hind, Meerut, of the 8th May, the Panjab Punch, Lahore, of the 13th May, the Aftab-i-Alamtab, Lahore, of the 11th May, the Bharas Circulation, 100 copiet

Bandhu, Aligarh, of the 7th Msy, and other newspapers, disapprove of the Mahárája's detention at Aden after he had been permitted to start for this country, and think that an outbreak of rebellion at his instigation was simply out of the question. The Tútlya-i-Hind is of opinion that the Mahárája should be allowed to live in this country at least for a few months).

Circulation, 2,500 copies.

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Circulation, 183 copies. A correspondent of the Asád (Lucknow), of the 11th May, says that signs were not wanting to show that the Mahárája would not lead a quiet life in this country, and that consequently Government has acted wisely in preventing him from coming here.

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The Shajiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 8th May, adverting National League, Cal- to the formation of the National entts.

League at Calcutta, observes that the object of the Association is to agitate in a constitutional way for the redress of native grievances. The Shafiq then refers to the success achieved by the Land League and the National League in Ireland, and remarks that the efforts of the Calcutta association are sure to be attended with success if it has patience and perseverance and overcomes the first difficulties.

The same paper observes that the Musalmans of CalBengal National League cutta appear to hold aloof from the
and Musalmans.

National League, and that the Pioneer,
an inveterate enemy of natives, expresses satisfaction at this

papers to the Memorial of the Calcutta Muhammadan Association regarding the education of Musalmans and their employment in the public service seems to have annoyed the Musalmans of Calcutta and induced them not to support the new political movement set on foot by their Hindu bretl-r n. But it may be hoped that the two classes will sink their minor differences and, considering their interests to be identical, will act in concert and union.

The Koh-i-Núr (Lahore), of the 11th May, regrets to say that natives are much annoyed at the hostile attitude of Anglo-Indian newspapers towards them. Every scheme or measure which is calculated to be beneficial to the children of the soil is strongly opposed by the Pioneer. The establishment of the National League at Caloutta has elicited very severe strictures from the Allahabad journal, whose secret object is to set class against class. But the policy pursued by the Pioneer will have just the opposite result and encourage sympathy and union among the different sections of the native community. Every sensible man will readily perceive that Anglo-Indian newspapers are foolishly doing much mischief and alienating the hearts of natives from Government.

The Azdd (Lucknow), of the 11th May, says that the Pioneer, in an article in its issue of the 28th April, observes that the leaders of the Muhammadan community do not follow the Hindus, who are endeavouring to cause excitement among the people, that they took no part in the National Congress at Bombay, and that they regard the constitution of the Bengal National League as premature. The Allahabad newspaper reminds Musalmans of the writings of Hindu newspapers protesting against the show of any indulgence to them in the matter of their employment in the public service! But the Pioner should remember that Musalmans know very well that they are embarked in the same boat with Hindus. They attended

Circulation,

Circulation, 183 copies. the Bombay Congress, and are equally desirous with Hindus that the greater the progress they make in education, the larger the share they should be allowed in the administration.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 225 copies.

The Hindi Prodip (Allahabad), for May, in a long article Reduction of public on the reduction of public expenditure, expenditure. makes the following proposals:-(1) Unnecessary appointments like Commissionerships should be abolished. In these days of railways and telegraphs Government can do without Commissioners. (2) The present high rates of salaries for European officers were fixed when the voyage between England and this country was accomplished in several months, but now the voyage takes only three weeks. The time has really arrived for revising the scale of official salaries with a view to reduction. The pay of the Prime Minister in Germany is Rs. 36,000, and in England Rs. 50,000 a year; while in this country, which is much poorer than either of the two above-mentioned countries, ordinary Commissioners, Members of the Board of Revenue, and High Court Judges are allowed these rates of pay! (3) Cheap native agency should be utilized in conducting the administration as much as pessible. Properly qualified natives could be found for appointments, held by Europeans, at half the rates of pay allowed to the latter. (4) The official exodus to the hills, which involves a large expenditure every year, is quite unjustifiable. When High Court Judges, Commissioners, and Collectors are able to work in the plains during the hot weather, it is difficult to realize why the Lieutenant-Governor, the Members of the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction, do., cannot work. If any officers consider it necessary to migrate to the hills, they should themselves pay all their expens Surely nothing could be more unjust than to devote the money, realized by taxation from a people most of whom lead a precarious existence, to the payment of the travelli expenses of highly-paid Civilians to the hills. (5) M should be taken to put a stop to the imm

public money by the Public Works Department. When a private person could get a house built for Rs. 100, the same house will cost Government Rs. 1,000.

The Aftab-i-Panjab Lahore), of the 7th May, regrets to Sir Alfred Lyall's late say that the unfortunate shoe diffidarbar at Lucknow and the oulty again arose on the occasion of Sir Alfred Lyall's late darbar at Lucknow. Natives were required to put off their shoes at the door. Other taluquare quietly obeyed the order, but Raja Rampal Singh boldly refused to comply and went in with his shoes on. The invidious distinction maintained between Europeans and Natives is unjustifiable. When the former are allowed to enter darbars with their shoes on, there appears to be no good reason why the latter should be subjected to the humiliation of going barefooted.

Circulation, 500 copies.

The Oudh Punch (Lucknow), of the 5th May, is surprised that Sir Alfred Lyall, who had hitherto always allowed natives to attend his darbars with their shoes on, ordered all sorts of shoes, English and native, to be left at the door of the darbar hall on the occasion of his late Lucknow darbar. All persons except Raja Rampal Singh put off their shoes accordingly. After the darbar was over, the darbaris had the greatest difficulty in identifying their shoes, as all shoes had been thrown together indiscriminately into a heap! A peasant, hearing of the shoe difficulty at the darbar, naïvely observed that the treatment of native noblemen at the darbars of European officers was not better than that of lower classes of people at the houses of landlords.

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The Hinduston (Kalakankar), of the 7th May, in commonting on the same subject, condemns
the strictures of the Englishmen on
Raja Rampal Singh's behaviour as unjust and malicious,
and observes that the porter did not sak the Raja to put of
his shoes. But when he reached the Coher hall Raja Aja

Singh told him to put off his shoes. Raja Rampal Singh replied that, as he wore English shoes and pantaloons, he would not put off his shoes, but that he could take off his turban, if necessary. Raja Ajit Singh then became quiet. The Hon'ble Mr. Quinton, Dr. Duthoit, Mr. Woodburn, and Sir Alfred Lyall himself gladly shook hands with Raja Rampal Singh, but none of them objected to his entering the room with his shoes on. The Raja attended the Lieutenant-Governor's darbar in the same dress in which he had paid visits to Her Majesty, Dukes and Earls in England, and to the Viceroy and Sir George Couper in this country.

Circulation, 732 copies.

The Outh Akhber (Lucknow), of the 13th May, is glad to say that the Agra College has greatly flourished under its new management. Formerly the number of students in the College classes never exceeded thirty, but the figures have now risen to 73. The marked success achieved by the institution at the University Examination last year was considered to be accidental in some quarters, but the College has again this year equally distinguished itself. Seven candidates competed for the B. A. Examination this year, of whom six were successful, five taking honours.

Circulation, 125 copies. The Quisari (Jallundhar), of the 8th May, complains that Middle School Examination, Panjáb. Examination were exposed to great inconvenience this year during the examination, and that the delay in the publication of the results is now a still greater source of anxiety to them. The results should be published as soon as possible, in order that boys may be freed of suspense, and work may be recommenced in schools.

Circulation,

A correspondent of the Ghamkhwar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 8th May, complains that the District Jail, Gurdaspur. trict Jail at Gujrat is situated in a very unsuitable locality. Many persons live in its neighbourhood, and, as it overlooks their houses, their women

find it difficult to maintain their privacy, inasmuch as guards are placed on the roof of the Jail. Moreover, people are disturbed at night by the noise made by the guards. The building occupied by the Jail is really a sarai, and the prisoners were removed to it about eighteen years ago, when the old Jail house fell in owing to floods. It would be a good thing if the building in question were again turned into a sarai, and a new house were built for the Jail in a more suitable locality.

The Delhi Punch (Lahore, of the 12th May, republishes an article from the Kashfu-l-Akhbar Mixed cases and the of Bombay in which the latter, in com-

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caused by Europeans and the acquittal of the accused by Courts of Justice, calls Europeans "civilised barbarians," "beasts of prey," and "wolves," and refers to the case of the European who lately thrice shot at a police constable at Lahore, but was only sentenced to one month's simple imprisonment by the Magistrate, and to that of a European soldier who has shot another native at Peshawar.

The Rajiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 8th May, says that at last Mr. Parker, District Judge, has been transferred from Lahore to Gurdaspur, but that he will be allowed to

hold his Court at Dalhousie for six months during the hot weather owing to illness! This arrangement will create a bad precedent and will involve a great deal of inconvenience and expense to suitors. If Mr. Parker is ill and unable to work, he should be granted leave on medical certificate. But if he is able to work at a sanitarium, he should be transferred to Simla. The recognition of race distinctions by Sir Charles Aitchision's Government is to be deeply regretted. If His Honor is disposed to show indulgence to his subordinates, he should show it to Europeans and natives alike.

The Hindi Pradip (Allahabad), for May, referring to the Proposed University at desire expressed by Sir Alfred Lyall Allahabad. in his speech at the opening of the

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Circulation, 225 copies. Muir Central College for the establishment of a University at Allahabad, and to the favourable reply given by Lord Dufferin, remarks that His Honor will probably endeavour to carry out the proposal before his retirement. But it is the earnest prayer of the *Pradip* that the Allahabad University may not be constituted on the model of the Panjáb University, but on that of the Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras Universities. Oriental learning should be encouraged by all means, but not at the expense of Western culture.

Circulation, 182 copies. The Azdd (Lucknow), of the 11th May, complains that Tahsildars of the 1st Tahsildars of the 1st grade are often deputed as Extra Assistant Commissioners of the 7th grade and are put to a great deal of additional expenditure in consequence, but that they get no acting allowance; the pay of the two classes of officials being the same, viz., Rs. 250 a month. Hence the Azad is of opinion that there should be only three rates of pay for Tahsildars—namely, Rs. 150, Rs. 175, and Rs. 200, as before.

POST-OFFICE AND BAILWAY.

Circulation, 400 copies. A local correspondent of the Sirdju-l-Akhbar (Jhelum), Need for a post-office of the 10th May, complains that there is the city at Jhelum. is at present no post-office in the city at Jhelum, and that the district post-office is situated at the Cantonment, one and a half miles from the city. Hence the writer urges that a sub-post-office should be established in the city.

Circulation, 500 copies. The Astab-i-Panjab (Lahore), of the 7th May, makes the following proposals for the consider-passengers on the North- ation of the Traffic Manager in the Western Railway.

Panjab:—First, the present arrangements for the distribution of tickets are very unsatisfactory. As there is only one booking-office at each station and it is opened only a short time before the departure of a train, there is a great rush towards the office of people who desire to obtain tickets at large stations. Railway authorities would do

well to appoint at each principal station one or two additional agents for the sale of tickets, who should be allowed commission. Such an arrangement was introduced at Rawal Pindi some years ago. Secondly, one Hindu and one Muhammadan water-carrier are attached to each station to supply water to passengers, but they do not perform their duties properly. They generally attend only to railway officials, European passengers, and those native passengers who pay them something. This should be seen to. Thirdly. natives are unable to satisfy the calls of nature in railway travel, to their great inconvenience. There are no privies and urinals in railway carriages, and passengers do not leave the carriages lest they may be left behind by the train. Hence it is necessary to provide privies in carriages or at least to order railway officials to announce, on the arrival of a train at a station, the time for which the train will stay there. Fourthly, another serious grievance with native passengers is over-crowding in carriages. An increase of one or two carriages in each train would at once put a stop to the evil. Fifthly, one or two compartments in each train should be reserved for the special use of sweepers, shoe-makers, and other such low classes, as it is well known that the touch of these people is regarded as abomination by the higher classes of Hindus and Musalmans.

NATIVE STATES.

The Azád (Lucknow), of the 11th May, observes that the appointment of a European Prime Bhopal.

Minister in Bhopal would be highly objectionable. The measure would create suspicion in the minds of all native princes, and would be very injurious to Bhopal itself. The State would become a British province to all intents and purposes, its entire trade would be monopolized by Europeans, and the people would be reduced to a state of abject poverty in course of time. It reflects great credit on the foresight of Sir Lepel Griffin and Lord Dufferin that they have not given the Begam a European

Circulation, 182 copies. Prime Minister in accordance with her wishes. It would appear that Her Highness acted under the advice of her husband in applying for the services of a European for the Premiership in her State. Probably Sadiq Hasan thinks that he would easily hoodwink a European Prime Minister, and would consequently again be able to have everything his own way in that case. But he should remember that he will not succeed in his object so long as Lord Dufferin is the Viceroy and Sir Lepel the Agent to the Governor-General for Rajputana. In conclusion, the Azad comments on Nawab Abdul Latif Khan's re-organization of the administration.

The Aftab-i-Alamtab (Lahore), of the 11th May, says

Appointment of a European Prime Minister in of the Begam of Bhopal, the Government of a European Prime Minister in the State, but that the selection will be made by the Government of India itself. The Begam's action is generally viewed with surprise and regret by the public; but Her Highness appears to have been influenced by the consideration that, if she has a European Prime Minister, she will have nothing to fear from the further intriguing of her enemies.

Circulation, 335 copies. The Delhi Punch (Lahore), of the 11th May, adverting to Mr. Perkins' intended the intended visit of Mr. Perkins, visit to Kashmir. Commissioner of Rawal Pindi, to Kashmir, observes that there is no doubt that his secret object is to enquire into the condition of affairs in the State and report the result of his enquiries to the Panjab Government. Hence the Maharaja should be on the qui vice during his visit and should conduct the administration in accordance with the advice of the old and faithful servants of the State, and not Bengalis.

LOCAL.

Circulation,

The Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of the 12th May
Esplanade near the Fort complains that this year the esplanade
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near the Fort at Allahabad has

already been closed to all public traffic and that the guards extort money from ignorant people. A notice in vernacular should be put up at the esplanade, prohibiting people from entering upon the ground.

The same paper is glad to say that Mr. Porter, Magis-Mr. Porter, Magistrate trate of Allahabad, greatly desires of Allahabad. to free the city of gamblers, thieves, and roughs, and is very courteous and polite to visitors.

The Nyaya Sudha (Hardá), of the 12th May, is glad to A native blacksmith at say that one Balgobind, a blacksmith Nágpur. at Nágpur, makes pen-knives and scissors which are as good as those imported from England, and that he received a gold medal and a certificate at the Kolhapur and the Poona Native Arts Exhibition respectively. The Sudha asks its countrymen, especially the natives of Nágpur, to patronise the man themselves, and also to invite the attention of the Chief Commissioner to his manufactures, in order that he may be induced to introduce their use in Government offices.

A correspondent of the same paper complains that the Conservancy arrange. conservancy arrangements at Ramtek, ments at Ramtek, Négpur. Nágpur, are very unsatisfactory.

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